

Remarks

Entry of the amendments, reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1, 3-10, 12-15 and 31-37 are pending.

With the above amendments, applicants are adding independent claim 36 and dependent claim 37, which are program product claims that correspond to the allowed method and system claims. Support for this amendment may be found in the application as originally filed, including, for instance, original article of manufacture claims 29 and 30 (which were claims included in this group of claims to be examined) and paragraphs 80-81 of applicants' specification. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Applicants have canceled claims 2 and 11 only for the purposes of maintaining 20 claims in this application. Applicants are not conceding any subject matter of those canceled claims. Claims 3, 4, and 12 are amended merely to include the language of the canceled claims. No new matter has been added with these amendments.

Additionally, applicants have included an Information Disclosure Statement and request that each of the references be considered. Applicants respectfully submit that the allowed claims are still allowable over these references, and therefore, respectfully request an indication of allowability for all pending claims.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact applicants' attorney at the below listed number should the Examiner have any questions regarding this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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